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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f):
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) ✓
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Status of Application

In response to the applicant's amendment received on 2/12/07. The examiner has considered the new presentation of claims and applicant arguments in view of the disclosure and the present state of the prior art. And it is the examiner's position that claims 8-26 are unpatentable for the reasons set forth in this office action:

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 8-20,24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Heide (2001/0005170).

Heide shows a remote radio control system that includes at least two receiving antennas. Each transceiver 20 receives an echo signal from a portable

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device; the portable device generates echo signals that are considered radio electrical command signals. See figure 1 and paragraph 51. The received signals are compared to the interrogation signal and to each other to determine which received echo signal most closely matches the interrogation signal. This enables the system to determine the location of the command generator (portable device 30). Upon determining the location of the portable device is internal (near field) the vehicle immobilize is disabled, and upon determining the location of the portable device is external the vehicle (far field) the doors are unlocked, see paragraph 6. It is noted that the validity of the command is verified prior to authorizing any action, paragraph 28.

When the user holds the portable device 30 outside the door, an antenna mounted to the rearview mirror and an external antenna are lined up, one behind the other. Heide shows measuring the amplitude paragraph 36, or alternatively the power in paragraph 39 of the received E&M radio signal. The received signal relates to both the electric component and the magnetic component of the received signal. Therefore, the amplitude (and power) comparison of Heide's measurements includes at least the magnetic component of the received signal.

Heide's receiver 20 includes an antenna 24, an amplification stage, and a microprocessor 27 that demodulates the authorization code.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heide (2001/0005170).

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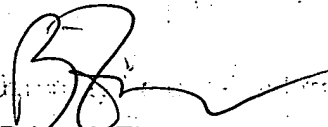
In addition to the discussion above, Heide's receiver 20 includes an antenna 24, an amplification stage, and a microprocessor 27 that demodulates the authorization code. Heide does not expressly use coil antennas as the receiving antenna. Heide does not state the specific antenna used. Heide does however disclose that coil antennas are commonly used in non-contact transmission systems for vehicles, see paragraph 4. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have used coil antennas in the Heide system since their use is known and their manufacture simple.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian A. Zimmerman whose telephone number is 571-272-3059. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 am to 4 pm E.S.T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber can be reached on 571-272-7308. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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